



SAN ANTONIO

POLICE

Office of the Chief of Police, Police Media Services, 214 W. Nueva, San Antonio, Texas 78207
Office Telephone (210) 207-7579, Fax (210) 207-7567, Police Dispatcher (210) 207-7484

Contact: Sandy Gutierrez **Date:** December 2, 2004 **Release No:** 04-165

NEWS RELEASE

Scam Alert!

WARNING! The Canadian Lotto Scam is back.

The San Antonio Police Department has received several complaints from San Antonio citizens who have recently been receiving "Lottery Prize" letters by mail with an enclosed check for the amount of \$72,000. The letter states the check is post dated for December 31st, 2004, which gives the recipient time to send an "international tax fee" required by law. The letter states the law requires the recipient must pay \$1850.00 by personal check, Money Order, Cashiers Check or Western Union made payable to BC Securities in Vancouver, Canada.

This is a scam! Do not reply to this letter and **DO NOT SEND MONEY**.

For a sample of the letter and the check, please go to the SAPD SCAMNET web page: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/scams.asp>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE